

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary @ Jumpin' Jack Ranch

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Another Way to Help

By Patricia Madison

We live in a fast paced world and have become accustomed to instant gratification and drive thru service, time is accelerated and one day you may wake up and wonder where it all went. Wouldn't it be nice to slow down the pace and make a change, one that would have everlasting meaning and at the same time give you satisfaction in knowing you are making a difference? Such an opportunity exists at Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary.

The horses who temporarily reside at Jumpin' Jack Ranch were once slated for slaughter, their life seemed hopeless and held no meaning. Their body just a vehicle used to produce the coveted pregnant mare urine for the pharmaceutical industry. Once they had lost their usefulness they were tossed aside, much like that fast food bag thrown carelessly into the closest trash receptacle. But someone existed who wanted to make a difference and give back. Her name is Karen Pomroy, Founder and President of Equine Voices.

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My name is **Bambi Bay**. I came from Canada, and I wish my Mom came too...I don't know where she is...but I WILL SURVIVE. I'm thin like a deer, I love people, and crave

attention, and make sure I push my way into people's faces and hearts. I was too young to come from Canada without my Mom, and they took me away from her when I needed her most. Because of this, I am not as physically fit as my friends, but I am a survivor and I am willing to trust and love, despite my horrible beginnings. Won't you consider sponsoring me?



Now my name is **Charlotte**. Number 08, Number 92 – this is how I was known on two PMU ranches...my numbers fire-blazed on my rump. Where are my babies, the ones I had every year? I tried to nurture them...I heard their cries as they were taken away, and I was led back to the peelines. My eyes are weary and tired. I am now 16 years of age and



my eyes reflect my history. But still, I have hope...Will someone sponsor me? I still love babies, and I have become a surrogate Mom to a colt at Equine Voices...A Mom I will always be.



My name is **Shirley**. I am not very old. As a matter of fact, age-wise, I am in my prime. I was supposed to go to slaughter, no one wanted me because I am lame due to arthritis and have a bad case of founder.



My baby had been rescued when the PMU ranch closed down—but there was a mix-up. The slaughter truck needed ONE more body, and my foal was forced on that truck. I could not protect her. Karen pleaded with the owner to send me to Equine Voices. She paid full price for me. I can never be ridden, and I now have a terrible, bloody infection on my face. But I am trying so hard to live a normal life, and I bear my burdens with courage and dignity. ~ Shirley is truly deserving of someone to sponsor her for her special needs...Can you be that one?

**"Do not go where
the path may lead—
Go instead where
there is no path
and leave a trail"**

~ Emerson

Another Way to Help...continued from front page

Thirty-three horses currently reside at Jumpin' Jack Ranch awaiting a new home, one in which they are unconditionally loved and cared for. Life proceeds at a much slower pace here. Karen and her staff of dedicated volunteers make sure there is plenty of food, clean water and space to roam. Here the never-ending cycle of giving and receiving is alive and well. More times than naught, the giver realizes they have become the recipient in this scenario and spending time with these majestic creatures causes an awakening in many lives.

As the holidays approach and our time becomes limited, but our desire to give to others increases, we search for opportunities to demonstrate how much we care.

A wonderful way to show others our love and appreciation while helping less fortunate animals is by joining the sponsorship program at Equine Voices. This sponsorship program allows you to share your love and help by providing monthly support to one horse. It's simple and easy...Ask your banking institution to set up an automatic payment deduction from your account to Equine Voices, eliminating the hassle of remembering to write a monthly check. You will receive a photo, a message from the "horse" and at the end of the year you will receive a tax receipt for your donations. In essence the horse will be giving back to you!

For only fifty dollars a month you will know that you are making a difference in the life of one special horse. If you have any questions about the sponsorship program you may call 520-398-2814 or log on to www.equinevoices.org for more information.



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Successful Adoption Story

I first visited equine voices with the intention of offering a stall or two for foster care. I already had a riding horse, Charlie, and I was looking for a buddy or two to keep him company. At the time Equine Voices did not have a need for foster homes. My trainer had a 30-year-old horse, Percy that needed a retirement home, so I took him in.

About a year or so later Percy passed away and I was once again looking for a companion for Charlie. I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted but I was sure as soon as I saw it I would know. I looked at several horses for sale, but we didn't click and I started to search on line. I saw the PMU horses and decided that I would probably end up adopting a rescue horse. I was drawn to the draft crosses and particularly liked the paint draft crosses. I had looked online at several rescue organizations in Arizona, but none had any draft crosses, let alone paint draft crosses.

Fate stepped in when the volunteers at Equine Voices called me asking if I was still interested in providing a

foster home, or adopting a horse. I mentioned that I would love to find a draft cross. Although they did not advertise him online, Equine Voices DID have a draft cross yearling that had been returned from a previous adoption. He had to be adopted with a buddy of his. I decided to once again visit Equine Voices.

I remember the first time I laid my eyes on Lucky. After all of my searching I knew he was the one. He was a cute little buckskin paint with gentle eyes. I felt an immediate connection with him. I had no idea who his "buddy"



Kathy Hendrixson with Lucky, Phantom & Charlie

was that would be adopted with him, but I hoped it was a beautiful blue-eyed bald-faced bay that was also in the pen. I asked the volunteers and sure enough the blue eyed boy was to be adopted with him. Immediately I knew that these boys had to go home with me. Lucky and Phantom had found their forever home!

Phantom was a little of a hard luck case. He had a problem with his stifles. They tended to stick if he stood too long, and I wasn't sure if he would ever be able to be used as a riding horse. Never mind, I figured if I was going to have a lawn ornament, he might as well be a beautiful lawn ornament!

Lucky and Phantom were moved to a foster home pending my application process. Karen and the Equine Voices volunteers were a joy to work with. I visited Phantom and Lucky every chance I got. Soon I was able to take them home with me. Although they hadn't had much training when I adopted them, they have been a joy to work with. They halter trained easily. They are eager to learn and both have a very calm and eager temperament. They have been worked in the round pen and easily learned to trailer.

I have since moved to Texas and my boys (along with Charlie) are on 180-acres of pasture. They have plenty of room to run around, eat and play. With all of the exercise, Phantom's stifles no longer stick. The vet says with continued exercise he should be completely sound. The horses are very friendly and are easy to catch whenever I want to work with them. I love it when I drive into the ranch and no matter where they are in their pasture they ALWAYS come over to see me! I feel so fortunate for Karen and Equine Voices. I can't imagine life without all three of my horses. I look forward to many years of enjoying the trails and Texas sunsets with Charlie, Lucky and Phantom.

Volunteer • Adopt a PMU Mare or Foal

Youth Corral

A letter from Clayton Johnson, 10 years old



Being a volunteer at Equine Voices is great and a lot of fun, but it involves a lot of hard work. We do not just play, we scoop poop, feed the horses, wash the horses, and also brush them. Every once and a while when we have free time we will go bareback riding. We also go to fundraisers, and have volunteered in the White Elephant Parade. Part of being a volunteer involved building corrals, putting up fences, building a gift shop and we also built a park at Equine Voices that was named Freedom Park. We have gone to classes and listen to a horse whisperer who taught us safety around the horses. A big part of being a volunteer is learning how to get along with all of the horses, it takes a lot of practice, time, effort and getting the horses to trust you. The horses will do anything for food when they are hungry but you always have to be careful and ready for anything to happen.

I have been a volunteer at Equine Voices for 2 years and I love it and enjoy all the horses.

Wish List

Industrial Size Color Copier • Stock Trailer • Dually Truck • Portable Panels • Shelter • Water Troughs • Hay • Bermuda Blend Pellets • Oats • Tarps • Pitch Forks/Apple Pickers • Wormer • Towels/Wash Cloths • Fly Sprays/Traps • First Aid Supplies • Desk • Filing Cabinets • Office Supplies • Bookshelves

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Horse Slaughter Update:



On September 7th, the House of Representatives voted in support of HR 503, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, by a huge margin with the final vote being 263 to 146. This is a huge victory for the horses. Horse slaughter is on the rise, over 8,000 horses have been slaughtered this year so far over last year, it is more important now, more than ever, that you contact your Senators and URGE them to CO-SPONSOR the bill **\$1915**. Over 80% of Americans oppose horse slaughter, so let's end it today!!

For further information on your Senators, please log onto www.hsus.org.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER – In lieu of gifts please consider donating to us! Every dollar counts, whether you **donate \$1, \$5, \$10, all donations go directly to the horses** and every dollar helps us continue this very important work. For holiday gifts, why not consider shopping online at Gulliver's Store? Hats, shirts, sterling silver Gulliver pendants and other wonderful gifts can be found at www.equinevoices.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4th, 5th & 6th

“Hearts & Hands for Horses”
Fundraiser: Join us for a weekend of art in the village of Tubac.

Equine Voices, together with Manos Gallery, would like to celebrate art and horses, a great opportunity to support a worthy cause and start your Christmas shopping!!

You will find artwork supporting Equine Voices at Manos, Rogoway and Carol Curray Art Galleries (other participating galleries can be found on our website), live music by Becky Reyes on Saturday the 5th from 2–5 p.m., food, raffle drawing and much more!!



Batik painting of Gulliver to be sold at Manos Gallery, by Dikki Vanhelsland.

November 11th & 12th

Help your horse to be happy and healthy. Join us the second weekend in November for Basic Bodywork for Horse Lovers, Session 2, with Marleigh Freyenhagen. This class will help you become a better advocate for your horse! Build on the knowledge base from Session 1 to become more aware of your horses' body, movement, muscle condition, muscle structure, and overall well being.

Help your horses and support Equine Voices! Fifty percent of the proceeds from this clinic are donated back to the horses at the sanctuary. For more information contact Marleigh at 520-400-1133 or email Equihealer@intergate.com for a registration form.

February 2007

Join us for our third annual “Rescue, Rehabilitation, Recovery” Fundraiser at Horse Haven Equestrian Park, Tucson, AZ.

Live music by Andy Hersey, Raffles, Silent and Live Auctions, Great Food and Great Fun!! Support our efforts and help the horses!!!

Please check our website for more detailed information!!

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WHY NOT CONSIDER — Putting Equine Voices in your will, leave a legacy by donating land, make a beneficiary designation of stock, IRA or 401K, life insurance policy, commercial annuity or charitable gift annuity. Any of these gifts will help us continue this very important work, and secure the future of the Premarin mares and foals who need us most!



PROGRAMS:

Adoption Program • Sponsorship Program • Volunteer Program
Youth Program • Equine Voices Child Therapy Program • Education



Living with O.C.E.A.N. Syndrome

By Scooter Grubb

Just recently, after years of research, I have finally been able to give a name to what my wife and I have been living with for years. It's an affliction, for sure, which, when undiagnosed and misunderstood, can devastate and literally tear a family apart. Very little is known about O.C.E.A.N. Syndrome. But it is my hope this article will generate interest from researchers involved in the equine and psychological sciences. You will, no doubt, begin to identify similar symptoms in your own family and hopefully now be able to cope.

Obsessive Compulsion Equine Attachment Neurosis Syndrome (O.C.E.A.N.S.) is usually found in the female and can manifest itself anytime from birth to the golden years. Symptoms may appear any time and may even go dormant in the late teens, but the syndrome frequently re-emerges in later years. Symptoms vary widely in both number and degree of severity. Allow me to share some examples which are most prominent in our home.

The afflicted individual:

1. Can smell moldy hay at ten paces, but can't tell whether milk has gone bad until it turns chunky.
2. Finds the occasional "Buck and Toot" session hugely entertaining, but severity chastises her husband for similar antics.
3. Will spend hours cleaning and conditioning her tack, but wants to eat on paper plates so there are no dishes.
4. Considers equine sweat a fragrance.
5. Enjoys mucking out four stalls twice a day, but insists on having a housekeeper mop the kitchen floor once a week.
6. Will spend an hour combing and trimming an equine mane, but wears a baseball cap so she doesn't waste time brushing her own hair.
7. Will dig through manure piles daily looking for worms, but does not fish.
8. By memory can mix eight different supplements in the correct

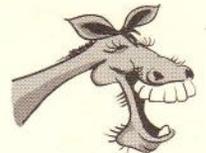
proportions, but can't make macaroni and cheese that isn't soupy.

9. Twice a week will spend an hour scrubbing algae from the water tanks, but has a problem cleaning lasagna out of the casserole dish.
10. Will pick a horse's nose, and call it cleaning, but becomes verbally violent when her husband picks his.
11. Can sit through a four-hour session of a ground work clinic, but unable to make it through a half-hour episode of Cops.

The spouse of an afflicted victim:

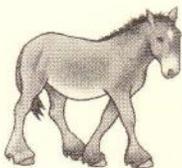
1. Must come to terms with the fact there is no cure, and only slightly effective treatments. The syndrome may be genetic or caused by the inhaling of manure particles, which I propose have an adverse effect on female hormones.
2. Must adjust the family budget to include equine items—hay, veterinarian services, farrier services, riding boots and clothes, supplements, tack, equine masseuse and acupuncturist, etc. Once you have identified a monthly figure, never look at it again. Doing so will cause tightness in your chest, nausea and occasional diarrhea.
3. Must realize that your spouse has no control over this affliction. More often than not, she will deny a problem even exists. Denial is common.
4. Must form a support group. You need to know you're not alone—and there's no shame in admitting your wife has a problem. My support group, for instance, involves men who truly enjoy Harley Davidsons and four-day weekends. Most times, she is unaware that I am even gone, until the precise moment she needs help getting a 50-pound bag of grain out of the truck.

Now you can better see how O.C.E.A.N.S. affects countless households in this country and abroad. It knows no racial, ethnic or religious boundaries. It is a syndrome that will be difficult to treat because those most affected are in denial and, therefore, not interested in a cure.



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